

June 2021

Welcome to the June 2021 edition of the Dulles Direct newsletter. We are in the heat of summer now and I hope everyone is staying cool and able to enjoy some relaxation. This month's newsletter is packed with updates on transportation, retail, and more for your summer reading pleasure (or pain!). I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming Fourth of July weekend; reminders on how to celebrate safely are in the announcements section at the end of the newsletter. I do want to let you all know that after a hiatus last year, this year's Star Spangled South Riding Event will be held on Friday, July 2, starting with a parade from Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. and featuring a celebration at the South Riding Golf Course with music, food and fun from 6:30-9:15 p.m. The night will be capped off by fireworks at 9:15. Many thanks to the South Riding Proprietary, who for years has provided this free, open event for the community - I'm so glad it is back!

Speaking of summer reading, in July every household in the Dulles District will be receiving a print copy of my 2021 Annual Report. This year's edition will have status updates on all the major projects and topics we cover on a regular basis, and will be handy for a reference guide (we'll post the digital version to www.loudoun.gov/dulles).

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I want to take a moment to recognize all the high school graduates around Loudoun County, and especially at our high schools here in Dulles. I know that the last two school years have been tough on our students, and seniors especially didn't get a "normal" experience, but we're proud of the resilience and perseverance you showed and I wish you all the best in the future.

At our June 15 Business Meeting, the Board passed a resolution recognizing all the hard work of the volunteers with the Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps during the COVID-19 pandemic. The MRC performs vital functions during public health emergencies, and their efforts during the pandemic prove the importance of a good volunteer public health workforce.



On June 24, my colleagues on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors **elected me Chairman of the Board's Safety and Operations Committee,** replacing a Maryland Board member whose term ended. While Metro has made great strides in improving reliability and repairing infrastructure, there is still work to be done. I appreciate the support of my colleagues.

Earlier in June, I met with the Loudoun Valley Estates HOA to discuss topics of interest including

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the widening of Loudoun County Parkway, the opening of Metro's Silver Line Phase II in Loudoun County, and transit options for Metro going forward. I am happy to return to more regular meetings with members of the community, and I thank all those who joined. We are following up with residents with information on some of the topics raised at the meeting.

Last week, I held a Virtual Dulles District Town Hall meeting with Buddy Rizer, Loudoun's Executive Director of Economic Development. We had an in-depth discussion about data centers and development at large in the Route 50 corridor, which has faced many challenges. As of the time of writing, over 2,000 people have viewed the meeting online. I encourage you to watch the recording, which is posted to my Facebook page. I get a lot of questions and comments on these topics and we covered a lot of ground in the meeting.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Latest Numbers and Updates

According to the official numbers released today by the Virginia Department of Health, there have been 28,102 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Loudoun County. 283 individuals have died from the virus in Loudoun. Virginia now has 680,065 confirmed cases with 11,412 deaths. You can see these numbers yourself at the Loudoun County COVID-19 GeoHub.

The positive PCR test rate in Loudoun is all the way down to 0.5% at the time of writing. Case and death rates continue to drop dramatically with more and more people receiving vaccinations. That being said, please continue to follow proper mitigation practices, especially if you haven't received a vaccine or are around those with immune system issues.

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Latest News on Vaccination Efforts

Loudoun County is now offering walk-in service at the COVID-19 vaccination clinic, which is located at Dulles Town Center, 21090 Dulles Town Circle in Sterling. Individuals 12 years and older are eligible for vaccination on a first-come, first-served basis during the COVID-19 vaccination clinic's scheduled hours of operation; no appointment is necessary.

Appointments for COVID-19 vaccine are also still available. Appointments can be scheduled anytime <u>online</u>.

The hours of operation for the county's COVID-19 vaccination clinic will adjust throughout the summer to accommodate walk-in services and demand for service to ensure the clinic is operating at maximum efficiency while serving the community. The schedule for walk-in services and appointments is currently:

• Tuesdays: 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.

• Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

• Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please note that the county's COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be closed on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

The complete schedule is posted on the county's website at <u>loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine</u>.

How to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine

Vaccinations are free of charge for everyone regardless of immigration or health insurance status. Residents may receive a COVID-19 vaccine in one of the following ways:

 Walk in to the county's vaccination clinic at Dulles Town Center: Anyone age 12 and older may walk in without an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine during the clinic's Loudoun County Traffic
Incident Map

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- scheduled hours. Please note that adolescents ages 12 to 17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- Make an appointment at the county's vaccination clinic at Dulles Town Center: Visit the county's website at loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine to schedule your vaccination appointment. Anyone who does not have access to the internet may call the COVID-19 Information Line at 703-737-8300 to schedule an appointment.
- Find vaccine online from another provider in the community: A number of providers, such as local pharmacies, also offer COVID-19 vaccine.
 Find vaccine near you by visiting vaccines.gov.

More information about COVID-19 vaccines and what to expect when you visit the county's vaccination clinic is posted online at loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine.

What to Know Before You Go

Before going to the Loudoun County's COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Dulles Town Center, be aware that:

- Face coverings are required and social distancing is maintained throughout the vaccination site.
- You should wear clothing for easy access to your upper arm.
- You will not be able to choose the brand of vaccine you will receive at the vaccination site.
- People ages 12 to 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or they will be turned away.
- Wheelchairs are available upon request.

• No photography or videos are allowed to protect your privacy.

More information about what to expect at the county's COVID-19 vaccination site is posted on the county's "planning your trip" webpage.

DULLES UPDATES

Intelligent Transportation System Installation

You may recall discussion from past correspondences regarding the installation of Intelligent Transportation System display boards at select points on Route 50 and the approach from Loudoun County Parkway. I did hear from some residents who didn't recall or weren't aware of that discussion and wondered exactly what was happening in the medians of 50 and LCP. The Intelligent Transportation System provides display boards for drivers that transmit real time traffic data to VDOT. The boards then integrate with routing software such as Waze to provide better information for commuters regarding the time it will take to get to their destination based on which route they take (GPS software like Waze often lags and is dependent on users self-reporting). The ITS system is more than just the display boards - it also includes cameras at the top of the poles, and sensors that allow for more accurate real-time traffic signal adjustments by VDOT. The system will be active from Northstar to the County line, and on LCP from 50 to 606. The system used to be in place on I-66 inside the beltway before the implementation of tolling.

The ITS system is an incremental measure as we work toward the long-term goal of a Northern Collector Road to serve as a major alternative to Route 50, an interchange at Loudoun County Parkway, and other projects. The implementation of ITS should allow for better traffic management. The

system originally cost \$40 million to install on I-66, but the County was able to repurpose it for about \$1 million through a partnership with VDOT.

Most of the complaints I've heard from residents are about the appearance of the message boards themselves. I completely understand they aren't the most attractive, but Route 50 is a major commercial route with plenty of other large structures and signage. I felt that the utility of the system would be helpful to drivers and help bring the Commonwealth's attention to this part of Loudoun County.

Traffic Signal Coming to Loudoun County Parkway / Edgewater Street Intersection

There have long been safety concerns at this particular intersection, and those concerns were confirmed in an analysis undertaken by the Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure as part of the Countywide Intersection Improvement Program; this intersection ranked among the highest risk based on traffic volumes and actual crash data.

As County staff began looking closer at the intersection to evaluate what changes would provide the best improvement, it was determined that there was a preexisting proffer from the original South Riding rezoning to construct a signal at the intersection when it met warrants. A warrant study was completed, and it was determined by VDOT that the **intersection met the requirements**. Toll Brothers has begun the process of developing signal plans for approval by VDOT and the signal will likely be constructed in 2022, depending on how long it takes them to get final approval.

VDOT Pavement Resurfacing Update

VDOT is completing several pavement resurfacing projects in the Dulles South area this summer:

- Milling and paving of Elk Lick Road between Route 50 and Tall Cedars Parkway has been completed.
- Latex sealing of Millstream Drive, Riding Center Drive, and Eastgate View Drive is currently in process. Crack filling began last week on Millstream and application of the latex coating is expected to begin next month, weather permitting.
- The northbound lanes of Gum Spring Road between Route 50 and Frontier Spring Drive will be milled and paved.
 VDOT currently anticipates that project beginning after July 4, and it will likely be completed during overnight work hours.

Loudoun County Parkway Widening

During the Board's consideration of the Silver District West mixed-use application, I was successful in securing the applicant's proffer to widen Loudoun County Parkway between Ryan Road and Shellhorn Road within the first phase of their development.

Earlier this year, the developer received final design plan approval for the road widening and signal modifications. They are currently securing the needed VDOT permits to begin work. Construction is expected to begin later this year. The developer will have 24 months to complete the project, though it isn't expected to take that long. The widening will expand that section of Loudoun County Parkway to six lanes, with the new lanes added in the existing median.

Airport Impact Overlay District Update

<u>Last month</u>, I discussed potential updates to the Impact Overlay District for Dulles Airport. The Overlay District compliments the FAA's noise

contour studies by displaying areas of airport noise impact, and by restricting certain types of development in the areas with the loudest noise. Noise is measured by a formula, with the loudest corridor at 65+ Ldn, followed by 60-65 Ldn. The AIOD is being updated to match our General Plan and Zoning Ordinance rewrites. The Board's Transportation and Land Use Committee made a set of recommendations regarding the Overlay District, some of which I agreed with, and some of which I didn't. Ultimately, I proposed a series of changes during the full Board consideration of this matter.

One of the motions from TLUC was to adopt the new proposed contours for the Dulles Airport Impact Overlay District while allowing properties designated as mixed-use that are located south of Arcola Mills Drive and west of Loudoun County Parkway to remain in the Ldn 60-65 because they are only placed in the loudest category due to a future 5th runway at Dulles Airport (which may or may not ever be built). This would allow properties such as Avonlea and the Bryant property (north of the South Riding Home Depot, more on that property below) to develop as true mixed-use. Any future residential units in this area would require noise attenuation. The Board voted 7-2 to endorse the motion; I voted in favor.

The Board also voted to continue to prohibit residential construction in rest of the 65+ Ldn contour, even with proper notification and full noise mitigation methods for new construction. There is one section of the County in which building has already been approved when it was under the previous ordinance, and that will be allowed to continue by law. However, the Board unanimously agreed that generally speaking, new residential development should not be allowed in the high noise areas.

However, TLUC also voted to remove disclosure regarding airport noise that apply to residential

dwelling units constructed that are being moved to the highest 65+ level. I made a motion that the AIOD requirements be applied evenly to sales of all existing and future homes, and that in the case of the areas we designated would not be moved because of the fifth runway, that future residents be notified of the potential for Dulles Airport to build that runway. My motion passed 5-4. Passage of my motion allows for continued transparency to new buyers about the potential for airport noise.

Unfortunately. TLUC also recommended eliminating what we call the "one mile buffer" around the Ldn 60-65 contour. I live in this one mile buffer area and I can tell you that my neighborhood regularly receives a lot of airport noise. I believe there is value in maintaining the existing 1 mile buffer because our lines mean nothing to pilots and the FAA, who are not governed by them in any way - they are simply to demonstrate what the reality in the sky is. I believe we should be as transparent as possible when it comes to notifying residents. Unfortunately, not enough of my colleagues agreed, and my motion failed 4-5. Thank you to Supervisors Umstattd, Briskman, and Saines, who joined me in my effort.

DULLES LAND USE UPDATES

Warehouse Development at Route 50 / Loudoun County Parkway

During the virtual town hall meeting, we shared plans that were recently filed with the County for a by-right development in the southeast quadrant of Loudoun County Parkway and Route 50. This is not the kind of development anyone is going to be pleased with, including me. There is a lot history with this site. For years, different entities were pushing me for a data center here, but we were able to stop that from coming forward after we added the special exception requirement for data centers in the Commercial Light

Industrial zoning district (which exists on most of the land on Route 50). However, warehouse and distribution is by-right in CLI, which means it does not require Board of Supervisors approval. The plan filed with the County is for a 232,000 square foot, \$36 million warehouse/distribution building. I have very few details about what it will look like, what impact it will have on traffic, etc, but obviously I'm concerned about all of that. However, if the applicant meets the by-right guidelines, there is nothing the County can do to stop the project from being built. We do have protections in place in the base zoning regarding development on Route 50 which requires extended buffers and enhanced landscaping. We will share more information as it becomes available.

Dulles Landing Sign Plan Amendment *SIDP-2015-0008*

At our June Public Hearing, the Board heard an application to allow two entrance signs at Dulles Landing, a previously approved 78-acre shopping center in the Blue Ridge District. One sign would be on Loudoun County Parkway. The center is anchored by Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods, TJ Maxx, and more. Signage is long overdue for Dulles Landing so I'm glad to see Beatty moving forward. However, the issue with the application has been the size of the proposed signs, which is quite a bit larger than what the County typically allows. Staff didn't support Board approval as the application was originally proposed due to a conflict with the Route 50 Corridor Design Guidelines.

The signage itself will have full color LED message boards, but the applicant has agreed to only use them to display tenant names. The Planning Commission recommended approval if the County has the ability to use the signage for temporary messaging during emergencies, which the applicant agreed to.

The applicant did eventually decrease the proposed width by 25% and reduced the height of the signs by 6 inches. I requested at the hearing that the applicant go down from 25 feet high to 21 feet high, to be consistent with the highest sign previously approved along the Route 50 corridor. Some of my colleagues argued that we should give retailers what they feel like they need to survive in these difficult times for the commercial sector, but we're already giving the applicant a break on the County ordinance (even at 21 feet high), and my concern is that going higher sets a new precedent for the future. I also think that while signage is important, access is a far bigger issue for that shopping center. The item will come back to the Board on July 6, and I'll find out if the applicant agreed to my request.

Bryant Property *PRAP-2021-0052*

The Bryant Property was also discussed at the Town Hall meeting. It is half of what was version 2 of Avonlea (you can find the latest update on Avonlea from my April newsletter here), though it was always owned by Toll Brothers. Toll Brothers has now submitted a pre-application request (basically a meeting to discuss potential issues before an actual application is filed) to discuss their planned application to rezone the property located to the north of the South Riding Home Depot.

The applicant has signaled plans to request a rezoning that would result in approximately 70,000 square feet of retail development, a 6,000 square foot civic building, and 1,000 residential units on the 47-acre site. A portion of the residential units would be age-restricted and attainable housing units for lower income residents. I have had some preliminary dialogue with the applicant, and requested that they continue to work as closely as possible with Peterson next door for a cohesively developed area. If the Board is to approve a significant number of residential units on either property, my feeling is that

we should also be receiving development that is beneficial to the overall community.

Following the pre-application meeting, the applicant will finalize their application materials and then submit for review. This will kick off months of staff referral agency reviews and comments before an application moves forward to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. More information on the pre-application submission is available here.

LOUDOUN UPDATES

Redistricting Process

Although the U.S. Census is complete, the release of its data has been delayed. Once the County has that data, which may now be in September, we will commence the process of redistricting for the Board of Supervisors and School Board. The state of Virginia requires localities to create new election districts every ten years. Last week, the Board had its first informational meeting about the process.

Many things can change during the redistricting process (including the name of the district, although I see no reason not to continue having a Dulles District). One thing that won't change is the number of representatives at the Board of Supervisors. The Board voted to keep eight districts in the County, so there will continue to be eight supervisors and one chair elected at-large representing you. Based on early estimates, each district will have 53,000 residents, up from 39,000 in 2011. Some districts, including ours, are outpacing even that growth metric. Dulles and Blue Ridge have grown the most, and we are estimated to have about 66,000 residents in the Dulles District currently.

Drawing new district lines will take place according to a specific set of guidelines that are in keeping with both the Virginia Code and the state constitution, as well as other considerations. These guidelines include:

- "One person-one vote" approach: districts will be drawn to provide representation in proportion to their Compliance with the Voting Rights Act (equal opportunity of participation for all voters)
- Each district will be a single unit, not composed of multiple parts
- Data will be derived from the U.S. Census
- Identifiable communities of interest (such as residential sub-divisions and small villages) will not be split
- As much as possible, districts will be created where residents have similar issues and concerns (transportation, land use, etc.)
- Voter convenience is a priority, as is effectiveness of election administration
- Geographical or physical features will be used for boundaries
- All alternative plans presented by interested parties will be considered

New districts will of course have ramifications for elections in the County, including different or new voting precincts. The Bipartisan Redistricting Commission at the State level is responsible for House and Senate districts, and those will be done before the County's are finalized. That will allow us to try to be as sensible as possible with precinct boundaries so there aren't many split precincts. The County currently has 98 election precincts, with the maximum size being about 5,000 registered voters. We'll try to keep the new precincts at less than 4,000 voters each, but we may not actually need more precincts because we have some smaller ones that can be consolidated.

The County will be using an online tool that will allow the public to see and even draw their own districts, to be measured against the established criteria. There will be ample opportunity for public input as well. Right now, you can visit loudoun.gov/redistricting to familiarize yourself with the digital tools that the County is making available for those interested in the process.

Route 50 & 7 Renaming Commission

In my last newsletter, I discussed the Board's process for renaming Route 7 (Harry Byrd Highway) and Route 50 (John Mosby Highway). For the complete discussion, please click here. I mentioned in that piece that the renaming could impact more than 300+ businesses that are addressed with the current names. An important part of the process is garnering appropriate input from stakeholders and the public at large. To that end, the Board announced creation of a task force with seven members of the existing Heritage Commission and one appointee from each Board member. I was pleased to appoint Gary Smith to the task force, who is a long-time member and former President of the South Riding Proprietary Board of Directors. I know Gary will do a great job representing the interests of HOAs and businesses in the Route 50 Corridor. The task force will conduct significant public outreach and research and will eventually bring ten new road names to the Board for consideration. The names will then go to VDOT and the CTB for final approval. The task force will begin its work soon, and I am looking forward to seeing the new names they come up with. The tentative schedule for the renaming process is as follows:

Task 1 — Coordinate with other jurisdictions and neighboring Counties: January 2021 to end of process

Task 2 — Conduct sign inventory, June 2021 to September 2021

Task 3 — Create task force, July 2021 to November 2021

Task 4 — Prepare alternate road name list, July 2021 to November 2021

Task 5 — Public outreach, July 2021 to November 2021

Task 6 — Board selection and approval of alternate road names, January 2022 to February 2022

Task 7 — VDOT & CTB approval of new road names, January 2022 to TBD

Task 8 — Implement new road names, January 2022 to TBD

ARPA Funds

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is a federal act that was signed into law by President Biden in May of this year. It provides nearly \$2 trillion to help fight the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, businesses, and state and local governments. Loudoun County is expected to receive a total of \$80.3 million in funding through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established in the federal legislation. 50% of that amount was distributed directly to the County in May and the remaining funds will be released this time next year. Loudoun's Finance Committee recommended, and the Board approved, the use of \$20 million to replace unrealized FY21 General Fund money. This is a portion of the revenue that was not received due to lower than anticipated tax collections during the pandemic. We furthermore directed \$9 million for Economic Development grant programs that will help our hotel industry and assist small businesses that need to make changes to adapt to new technologies or other adjustments caused by the pandemic, \$3.5 million to fund Visit Loudoun due to lower Transient Occupancy Tax collections, and \$2.5 million for our non-profit community that have seen increased demands on service needs. The balance of funding was directed to our COVID-19 response efforts, broadband expansion projects, and telehealth services for mental health. The second round of funding won't be received until May 2022, so further direction on that will be made at a later date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fireworks Safety

As COVID-19 restrictions across the region are being lifted, many Fourth of July fireworks displays around Loudoun County are back on the calendar. Loudoun County's Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) encourages residents to attend professionally coordinated fireworks shows instead of using consumer fireworks on your own. Fireworks cause thousands of serious injuries every year that send adults and children to the emergency room. If you choose to use fireworks, know the risks, proceed with caution, and follow these safety tips:

- Don't use illegal fireworks.
- Use only legal fireworks purchased from a retail stand with a Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office permit. Consumer fireworks that rise into the air, explode, travel laterally on the ground, or emit projectiles are illegal to possess or use anywhere in Virginia (Class 1 Misdemeanor).
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- Don't light fireworks indoors!
- Use fireworks a safe distance away from homes, and steer clear of brush, leaves and flammable substances.
- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks and maintain constant adult supervision.
- Light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance.
- Don't light fireworks in your hand.
- Place fireworks on stable ground, never in a container, and ensure the device will not tip over when firing.

- Never point or throw fireworks at anyone.
- Don't try to re-light "a dud" or malfunctioning firework.
- Soak spent fireworks in water for several hours before discarding into a fire-proof container. Keep the container outside, away from the home. Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of fire.
- Remember that fireworks can disrupt those sleeping, scare pets, and can be traumatic for veterans. Be a good neighbor and be considerate of those around you.

For a list of upcoming shows, permissible fireworks, and approved retail stands visit loudoun.gov/fireworks.

VEC Claimant Opportunities

The Virginia Employment Commission is pleased to offer claimants the option to schedule appointments to speak directly to a representative from the Virginia Employment Commission regarding their claim. Appointments are very limited and are not guaranteed to lead to any resolution or payment of claims. Virginia Career Works Centers are available to provide job seeker assistance on-site but will not be able to provide in-person assistance with your unemployment insurance claim, it will only be provided by phone appointments.

You can schedule an appointment based on your permanent residence at https://vaunemploymenthelp.as.me/schedule.php. Please do not schedule more than one appointment and only schedule an appointment that is applicable to your permanent residence.

A VEC representative will be calling based on your appointment time/day. Please be sure to answer your phone, as the number may show up on caller

identification as "restricted" or "unknown". Staff will attempt to call one time and if there is no answer, they will try one additional time and then will move onto other appointments. Alternatively, you may also call the customer contact center at 1 (866) 832-2363. Please note, wait times in the customer contact center may be long due to high call volumes.

Work in Loudoun Summer

Thousands of high-paying seasonal jobs and long-term employment opportunities are currently open with Loudoun businesses, just as COVID-19 mitigation measures have been lifted across the Commonwealth. Search the largest collection of publicly listed positions, today, at biz.loudoun.gov/loudounjobs.

Loudoun Economic Development offers a suite of services through its Work in Loudoun initiative that are designed to connect existing and prospective businesses with the region's workforce. While the summer campaign is focusing on seasonal employment that might be best suited for students, teachers, or someone re-entering the workforce, thousands of opportunities exist for long-term employment as well.

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center LinkedIn Learning Opportunity

Loudoun County job seekers, as well as current workers seeking to upgrade their skills, will have access to free skills training offered by LinkedIn Learning through a new program available from the Loudoun County Workforce Resource Center.

LinkedIn Learning offers more than 10,000 online courses that can help job seekers gain skills and certifications that will assist them as they seek a career path. The training available from LinkedIn Learning allows users to learn at their own pace using a desktop or mobile device. Participants who receive a free license for the training from the

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will also have access to additional resources, including employment coaching and other services.

The program is part of an initiative of the <u>Virginia</u> <u>Career Works Northern Region</u>. The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is a Virginia Career Works affiliate.

Anyone interested in the LinkedIn Learning program is encouraged to contact the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center at 703-777-0150, (press option 0), or by email at wrc@loudoun.gov.

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center provides no-cost resources and equipment to both job seekers and businesses and connects businesses and job seekers to help them achieve their employment goals.

More information about the services provided by the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center may be found online at <u>loudoun.gov/wrc</u>.

Dulles South Neighborhood Closet

Dulles South Neighborhood Closet is hosting a free community clothing event on Sat., Aug.14 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Community Baptist Church, located at 43100 Center Street in South Riding. Clean, gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories will be gratefully accepted at Community Baptist Church on Sat., Aug. 7, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Wed., Aug. 11, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Thurs., Aug. 12, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Fri., Aug. 13, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.. Contact info@dullescloset.org or 703-957-8044 by Aug. 10 to register to attend the event. Priority to families with a referral from a local school, Dulles South Food Pantry, or a local church or temple. See dullescloset.org for more information or to sign up to volunteer. Look for upcoming events on Nov. 13 and Dec. 4.

Donations to Local Food Banks

Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry can be made in person at their temporary location at the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department Annex, 24300 Stone Springs Boulevard, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, or online. Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry, Inc. are tax deductible. The Dulles South Food Pantry provides food assistance up to twice a month to any person who resides in the attendance zones for the following high schools: Freedom, John Champe, Lightridge, Independence, Rock Ridge and Briar Woods. Call 703-507-2795 or email mailto:info@dsfp.org to schedule an appointment. See the Pantry's website for information on how you can help fight local hunger.

Donations to Loudoun Hunger Relief can be made in person at 750 Miller Drive SE in Leesburg or via their website.

Blood Donation

The American Red Cross continues to have an urgent need for blood and platelet donations. Donation sites follow the required social distancing during the collection events. No drop-in donations are allowed. To schedule an appointment, please visit redcross.org/give-blood.

Inova Blood Services has blood drives scheduled and takes donors by appointment.

Visit https://www.inovablood.org/ to schedule an

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Medical Reserve Corps Volunteering

The Health Department continues to seek volunteers for the Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). With the COVID-19 pandemic a reality, the need for Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers both medical and nonmedical personnel - is greater than ever. The MRC is asking medical doctors, nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical

technicians, paramedics, dentists, veterinarians, and other medical professionals to consider volunteering their time to help protect the community's health during the pandemic and beyond. Nonmedical professionals can operate the Loudoun County Health Department's information line or help support testing activities, contact-tracing efforts, logistics support, and other nonmedical functions. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/mrc. Register through the Virginia Volunteer Health System.

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